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SUBJECT: SAUDI PRESS REACTION TO THE U.N. SECURITY

COUNCIL CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI RAID

1. (LOU) LAST WEEK ALL LOCAL PAPERS WERE GEARING UP
EDITORIALY FOR A U.S. VETO OF WHAT THEY THOUGHT WOULD BE
A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IMPOSING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

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CN ISRAEL. HOWEVER, AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE CON-
DEMNATORY RESOLUTION WORKED OUT BY THE UNITED STATES AND
IRAQ AND ITS PUBLICATION ON THE FRONT PAGES OF ALL NEWS-
PAPERS, THERE WAS ONLY ONE EDITORIAL ABOUT IT. ON JUNE 21,
"AL-RIYADH'S" EDITORIAL EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO THE APPLICA-
TION OF THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S
WEAKNESS AND ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE.

2. (U) MOST NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 22 GAVE PROMINENCE TO
REMARKS ABOUT THE RESOLUTION MADE BY THE SAG DEFENSE
MINISTER PRINCE SULTAN ON JUNE 21 AT A GRADUATING CEREMONY
OF RIYADH'S MILITARY ACADEMY. SULTAN SAID: "...THE UNLAW-
FUL ISRAELI AGGRESSION HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED
BY THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AND BY INDIVIDUAL STATES WHO

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HAVE CALLED FOR IRAQ TO BE COMPENSATED FOR THE DESTRUCTION AND FOR ISRAELI NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS TO BE SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI ACTION IS A VICTORY FOR THE ARAB NATION. WE CONSIDER ISRAEL A THIEF WHO WORKS BY STEALTH. BUT IF PALESTINIAN AND ARAB RIGHTS, AS WELL AS JERUSALEM, ARE NOT RESTORED TO US BY PEACEFUL MEANS, WE ARE ABLE, WITH THE HELP OF GOD, TO GET THEM BACK BY FORCE.

3. (C) COMMENT:

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